The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Friday, the 17th November 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—
The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Irrigation sources in Cuddapah.

505 *Q.*—Mr. B. P. DEVARAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) what are the irrigation sources abandoned or breached in the Cuddapah district;

(2) when they were abandoned or breached;

(3) what steps have been taken by the Government to restore or repair them;

(4) what the extent of ayacut is under each of these breached or abandoned irrigation sources;

(5) if abandoned or breached, what the reasons are for so abandoning or breaching those irrigation sources;

(6) the probable cost of restoring or repairing each of these abandoned sources and tanks;

(7) why the Government has not repaired or restored those irrigation sources;

(8) whether the rules encourage private enterprise in the matter of restoration or repairs of breached or abandoned tanks and irrigation sources; and

(9) whether the rules encourage special rate channels offered to be executed by interested ryots?

A.—(1) to (7) The Government are not in possession of the information asked for.

(8) Applications for the repair of ruined tanks are governed by the rules in Board's Standing Order No. 8, while applications for the repair of abandoned spring and river channels would be covered by paragraph 8 of Board's Standing Order No. 10.

(9) There are no general rules. Each case will be dealt with on its merits.

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Sir, I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by calling for the information, adequate to the trouble which we should have to take and the expense we should have to incur.

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Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" Sir, the point now is whether the sources that have been abandoned cannot be given over to the Adi-Dravidas in view of the fact that there is great demand from them for sites."

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" If any particular work is referred to and information is wanted about it, it will be considered in due course."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it a fact that the breached tanks were restored on the principle that only such tanks should be restored as the cost thereof was capable of being recovered from the income of such tanks within a period of four years ? ".

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I want notice of the question."

Revised rules prepared by the Agency Commissioner.

506 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the revised rules prepared by the Agency Commissioner after scrutiny ?

A.—The rules are not yet ready for publication.

Reduction in the number of arrack, toddy and foreign liquor shops.

507 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reduction in the number of arrack, toddy and foreign liquor shops has been effected this year as compared with the last year ; and

(*b*) whether this reduction has brought any loss to the Government ?

A.—There was no reduction in the number of shops.

Memorial from the piece-goods merchants' association to the Madras Corporation.

508 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a memorial has been submitted by the piece-goods merchants' association, Madras, requesting that they may be given a seat on the Madras Corporation ;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any orders on it ; and

(*c*) if so, what the nature of the order is ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question is under the consideration of the Government.

Opening of a Muhammadan Training School for Mistresses, Nellore.

509 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether any representation has been received by the Government from the Nellore district for the opening of a Muhammadan Training School for Mistresses and, if so, when and what orders were passed on the representation ?

A.—No such representation has been received.